

**Washington, D.C.** –Today, Congressman Charlie Gonzalez joined House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer, Assistant Democratic Leader James Clyburn, Rep. John Lewis, Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers, Committee on House Administration Ranking Member Robert Brady and others to unveil comprehensive voting rights legislation. The Voter Empowerment Act will modernize voter registration, ensure equal access to the ballot box for all Americans, and prohibit deceptive practices and voter fraud that keep people from exercising their constitutional right to vote. Congressman Gonzalez issued the following statement regarding The Voter Empowerment Act:

“The right to vote is the heart and foundation of our system of government,” said Rep. Gonzalez, the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Elections, “and it is our constitutional duty to protect that right. The Voter Empowerment Act brings our electoral system into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, ensuring that our citizens have access to the best system of voting and that their right to participate in our government is always protected.”

The Voter Empowerment Act makes a series of commonsense reforms to ensure that every American citizen’s right to vote is protected, with particular provisions for the disabled and Americans living abroad, including those serving in the military on active duty.

A fact sheet on the bill can be found [here](#) .

The full text of the bill can be found [here](#).

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